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Dear Mr. Brett,

As you know Thinking Machines released the public domain versions of Wide Area Information Server (WAIS) in the spring of 1991 to promote its use and development in the Internet community. Thinking Machines has supported public domain WAIS efforts by providing the platform for the Directory of Servers and the distribution point of new releases. In addition, Thinking Machines' Brewster Kahle and other staff members have provided development consultation by sponsoring electronic discussion forums and publicizing WAIS through appearances at conferences and authoring journal articles.

Thinking Machines will continue to support of the public domain versions of WAIS by maintaining the Directory of Servers through 1992. Thinking Machines encourages and endorses the formation of a WAIS Clearinghouse to continue those functions it will no longer provide. Thinking Machines is committed to keeping its proprietary WAIS servers compatible with the Z39.50 protocol and the public domain clients and to encouraging development of the public domain WAIS server and indexing software for use on more traditional computing platforms.

Sincerely,



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Brewster:

DRAFT,

You are an adult and responsible for your own behavior.

Your actions yesterday with Email bring into question your integrity and the ability to converge agreements based on trust. Your actions are in direct conflict with verbal agreements with the company via Sheryl Handler. Until such time as formal written agreements are concluded or trust is reestablished the following is the state of the world.

- 1) You are on an unpaid leave of absence.
- 2) You have no formal association with Thinking Machines Corporation until such is reduced to writing.
 - Access to the company is with escort during normal business hours for a particular purpose.
 - Access to all systems (except CMNS) is denied.
 - You are not authorized to use Thinking Machines's name in any reference that states or implies joint activity.
- 3) You are not to use the name WAIS.
- 4) Within 15 days the company will clarify what it considers proprietary and confidential and subject to non-compete under your employee agreement.
- 5) The idea of a DARPA related subcontract from Thinking Machines Corporation to you is on hold.
- 6) The permission to you in Mirza Mehdi's letter of July 15, 1992 is hereby withdrawn.
- 7) You may want to engage a lawyer to help finalize an agreement with the company.

I hope that we can get past this most serious issue and resume the joint dream we were working on at our meeting Monday, August 3.

Sincerely,

Dick Clayton

"There seems to be a lot of thrust...and not much rudder...."